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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Charles J. Levine, et al.

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For: GENERATION OF REPEATABLE SYNTHETIC DATA

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Group Art Unit: 2161

Examiner: Stace, Brent S.

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Applicant-Initiated Interview Summary

Date of Interview: September 12, 2006

Interview Type: Personal Telephonic Electronic Mail Video Conference Other:

Participants:

From PTO: (Include Name and Title)

1. Brent Stace (Examiner)
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For Applicant:

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An exhibit or demonstration was included and is described below:

The claims discussed included: Claim(s) 1, 11, 16, 17, and 20

The art prior art discussed included:

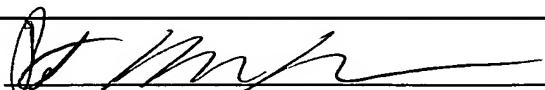
Gray – specifically, the code comment in Gray that says “seed = next in series”

An agreement was was not reached. (Agreement as to certain points – see below.)

- It was agreed that the attached claims are allowable.
- It was agreed that the attached amendment would be entered.
- The interview is summarized below.

It was agreed that the 101 rejection of claims 1-10 is addressed by reciting computer-readable storage medium that have instructions stored thereon; that the 101 rejection of claims 11-15 is addressed by the use of the word “stored” in claim 11; and that the 101 rejections of claims 17-20 are addressed by the amendments to claims 17 and 20. Certain claim amendments to claims 1 and 11 more particularly define the nature of a seed and a position, and the Examiner agreed to reconsider the applicability of the Gray reference (and to perform a further search if needed). Additionally, the Examiner agreed to reconsider Gray’s applicability to claims 17 and 20 in light of the argument made at the interview about Gray’s “seed = next in series” language.

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